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1. The Bulgarian Army has nine large powder depots which store munitions and fuel. The First Powder Depot Section is on the outskirts of Sofia (its location can be seen on the Appendix). The depot occupies an area of approximately 800 x 450 meters and is connected to Sofia by a railroad line. Within the enclosure are barracks, bunkers, and tunnels leading to underground magazines. The munitions deposited in this place are estimated to be sufficient for 90 days firing by units of the Sofia garrison.
2. The depot contains the following:
 - a. Ammunition for rifles and carbines of 7, 92 (9.2?), and 8 mm. caliber;
 - b. Ammunition for pistols of 6.35, 7.65, and 9 mm. caliber;
 - c. Ammunition for automatic pistols of 9 mm. caliber;
 - d. Ammunition for automatic rifles and heavy machine guns of 7.92 caliber;
 - e. Ammunition for 20 mm. machine guns;
 - f. Hand grenades and projectiles for mortars;
 - g. Mines;
 - h. Shells for antiaircraft guns of 80 and 100 mm. caliber;
 - i. Shells for field pieces of 100, 120, and 150 mm. caliber; and
 - j. Flame throwers, grease, fuel, and portable weapons.

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3. The following personnel are attached to the powder depot:

A colonel: Commander

A major: Assistant Commander

Three captains

A guard company commanded by a captain and including three junior lieutenants who command the platoons, four warrant officers (softhofficiats), and 168 non-commissioned officers and soldiers.

4. The above-mentioned group furnishes a guard composed of one officer, one warrant officer, three candidate warrant officers, and 18 soldiers. The rest of the company is employed loading, unloading, storing, and maintaining the materiel. The installations are shown in accompanying Appendix.

5. The following is the legend for the Appendix:

1. Sveti Nedelya Square.
2. Terminal of No. 2 Streetcar Line.
3. Lavov Bridge.
4. Graf Ignatiev Bridge.
5. Seminariya District.
6. Road to Dragalevtzi.
7. American School.
8. Powder Depot.
9. Spur Line.
10. Wooded Zone.
11. Vuzrazhdane Square.
12. Terminal of No. 6 Streetcar Line.
13. Entrance.

- A. Barracks.
- B. Guards.
- C. Magazines Above the Ground.
- D. Underground Magazines.
- E. Underground Magazines.
- F. Depots in the Open.

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APPENDIX:

The First Powder Depot Section (Sofia)